

**HAMPTON BEACH VILLAGE DISTRICT
MEETING
September 12, 2012**

Present

Chuck Rage, Chairman & Commissioner
Maureen Buckley, Commissioner
Robert Ladd, Commissioner
Steve LaBranche, Treasurer

Chairman Rage called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Fire Station

Chief Chris Silver said he had just started a blog that will have updates and photos showing progress on the fire stations. The address is www.fire-rescue.blogspot.com. Work has been done to get everything on board with the construction company, architect and engineering firms. Site work will be starting the end of October or beginning of November. Work will continue through the winter. Both projects will be done simultaneously and will hopefully be completed by next September.

Walter Kivlan asked if there would be permanent cable equipment. Selectman Michael Pierce said that there is a new committee looking at IT issues. They will be working with the Cable Committee. One of the things they will be looking at is a high speed connection between buildings.

Richard Reniere, 29 Highland Ave., asked if there would be a ground breaking ceremony. Chief Silver replied that there would probably be two ceremonies, one for each station.

Commissioner Buckley asked if notice would be given before the garage is torn down as there are items stored there. Chairman Rage said that will be taken care of in time.

Beautification

Linda Gebhart said the area where the memorial benches are has been planted and is starting to grow. Many people have commented on it. Two crabapple trees have been purchased from Churchill's. The Department of Public Works will take the tree gates away on Friday and will replace them once the trees are planted. Chairman Rage said the DPW has been very helpful.

Ms. Gebhart said the Monarch butterflies are on the move and are migrating on their way to Mexico.

Ms. Gebhart expressed thanks to the four ladies who have watered the stone urns daily: Terry Smith, Pat Kenny, Ann Justin and Linda Reddenbaker. She also thanked Richard Reniere for his mowing work.

Commissioner Buckley noted that Senator Nancy Stiles had talked about the wonderful work done by the Beautification Committee at a recent Selectmen's meeting. Commissioner Buckley thanked the Committee for all their work.

Ms. Gebhart said the Halloween party is in the planning stage. She suggested the date of Sunday, October 28th. Commissioner Buckley asked if there was any money for this. Mr. LaBranche replied that there was sufficient money.

Moved by Commissioner Buckley, seconded by Commissioner Ladd, to schedule the Halloween party on October 28th dependent on permission from Chief Silver.

Vote: 3 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Gebhart said the Hampton Art Walk will be held on October 4th and 5th from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Rage presented the map of the Village District that was done by Art Experience.

John Kane, Marketing Director, thanked John and Kelly of Buc's Lagoon for their help during Children's Week. He also thanked residents who did the weeding at the Haverhill Lot.

Hampton Beach Area Commission

Chairman Rage said that last month a request went out for anyone interested in being the Village District's representative to the Hampton Beach Area Commission to contact him. Walter Kivlan expressed his interest.

Moved by Chairman Rage, seconded by Commissioner Ladd, to appoint Walter Kivlan as the Village District representative to the Hampton Beach Area Commission.

Vote: 3 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Kivlan said he appreciates this opportunity and is looking forward to working on this Commission.

Old Business

Commissioner Rage thanked Commissioner Buckley and Glen French for their work on the Hampton Beach Talent Show. He said it was a great event. He also said that the Seafood Festival was spectacular. Mr. Kivlan said it was a phenomenal summer and the entertainment was wonderful.

New Business

Commissioner Ladd thanked everyone for being welcoming and said this is a fantastic Commission. There is now enormous improvement in the infrastructure. Commissioner Ladd said he would like to see the Village District be the driver for future improvements. He said it is important to look to the future and target the correct groups. There are many opportunities. There are many technological advances which will be very helpful. There is now an iPhone app that tells you all about entertainment in your area. This is the future.

Commissioner Rage said there were some problems with the sign on Winnacunnet Road and Ocean Blvd. This will be taken care of.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Commissioner Ladd, seconded by Commissioner Buckley, to approve the Minutes of August 8, 2012.

Vote: 3 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Richard Reniere said he is a member of the Hampton Mosquito Control Commission. He said they are doing the best they can to alleviate the problems with mosquitos. They are adulticizing which is a more aggressive approach. Samples are being tested for West Nile, etc. There is also an aggressive spraying campaign. Mr. Reniere asked everyone to check their yards for standing water. The Commission will continue work until the first hard frost.

Closing Comments

There were no Closing Comments.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Rice
Secretary